

Title I Distinguished Schools Recognized at Tennessee State Board Meeting

The State Board of Education did recognize the National and State Title I Distinguished Schools for 2007-2008. The State Board Meeting was Friday, April 25, 2008 at 8:30 AM at the Andrew Johnson Tower conference room. The Title I Distinguished Schools Recognition Program is a project of the National Association of State Title I Directors. It provides an opportunity for Title I schools from every state to be publicly recognized for the positive educational achievements.

The purpose of the Title I Distinguished Schools Recognition Program is to identify schools that are ensuring that all children have access to effective instructional strategies and challenging academic content; and demonstrating success in ensuring that all children, particularly educationally deprived children, make significant progress toward learning that content.

Four schools in Tennessee have been recognized as Title I Distinguished Schools for 2007-2008, two national awardees and two state awardees.

National Title I Closing the Achievement Gap Between Student Groups

Fall-Hamilton Enhanced Option Elementary
Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
Sandra Moorman, Principal

National Title I Exceptional Student Performance

Unity School
Lincoln County Schools
Dennis Eakin, Principal

State Title I Closing the Achievement Gap Between Student Groups

Balmoral/Ridgeway Elementary
Memphis City Schools
Robyn Liebenhaut, Principal

State Title I Exceptional Student Performance

STAR Academy Charter School
Memphis City Schools
Kia Young Tate, Principal

These schools are unique, but share common characteristics of dedicated staff, effective community, and parental engagement as well as excellent district and school leadership. National Title I Schools were recognized at the National Title I Conference in Nashville, Tennessee in February, 2008.

Title I Distinguished School for 2007-08
National Title I Closing the Achievement Gap Between Student Groups

Fall-Hamilton Enhanced Option
Nashville, TN



*Chris Henson-Interim Director of Schools for Metro-Nashville, Elly Joplin,-Title I Consulting Teacher,
Sandra Moorman-Principal, Susan Bunch-Asst. Commissioner of Teaching and Learning and
Wanda Holman-MNPS Title I Director*

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National Title I Exceptional Student Performance*

**Unity School
Lincoln County**



*Wanda Shelton- Director of Schools for Lincoln County, Dennis Eakin-Principal,
Susan Bunch-Asst. Commissioner of Teaching and Learning, Emily Pierce-Asst. Principal and
Deborah Thompson-Title I teacher*

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STAR Academy Charter School
Memphis City Schools



Kia Tate-Principal, Susan Bunch-Asst. Commissioner of Teaching and Learning and Corey Tate